

## **Parks and Recreation Board Minutes December 14, 1999**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on December 14, 1999, in the Board Room of the Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Boulevard.

**Board Members Present:** Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Rocky Medrano, Vice Chair, Carol Kim, Jeff Francell, Mary Ruth Holder, Mike Librik and Clint Small.

**Staff Members Present:** Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Mitchell, Randy Scott, Sarah Campbell, Jay Stone and Dina Haines.

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:36 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There was one change to the minutes from the November 9, 1999 meeting. Under item G., Committee Reports, Municipal Airport Advisory Group. The minutes should read Board Member Librik expressed concerns of current design for the proposed perimeter of Hike and Bike trail around the property. Mike Librik made a motion to approve the minutes with the change. Rocky Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor (6-0-0).

**C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

1. Jerry Ayer, Field Consultant with G&L Services. Request for a two-slip boat dock, which puts him at 40% and would like to be granted approval to build dock.
2. Nelly Plourde, Museum Director with the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum of the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Plourde spoke regarding the proposed rework of Barton Springs Road and Robert E. Lee Road. Ms. Plourde, would like for the City to reconsider how this might be done. This item will be placed on the Land and Facilities agenda and then will come before the Parks Board.

**D. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. **Recommendation regarding approval of Construction of Bentzin Boat Dock at 4603-4511 Island Cove, File No. SP-99-2197DS.**  
Board Member Mary Ruth Holder stated that the Navigation Committee recommends approval of this item and made a motion for the Board to approve. Rocky Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor. (6-0-0.)
2. **Recommendation regarding approval of Construction of Nowlin Boat Dock at 3327 Far View Drive, File No. SP-99-2080DS.**  
Mary Ruth Holder made a motion that the Board approve this item. Carol Kim seconded. The motion passed in favor. (5-1-0). Librik.
3. **Recommendation regarding approval of Wendlandt Boat Dock at 1716 Channel Road, File No. SO-99-2068DS.**  
Mary Ruth Holder stated they are seeking a variance of the 20% rule, and that the Navigation Committee does not recommend approval of this item. Board Member Holder made a motion that the Parks Board not approve this item. Rocky Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor, with one abstention. (5-0-1). Small.

At this point Rosemary Castleberry, Chair

**7. Make Recommendation to City Council regarding Bid Protest Results for Paddlewheel Boat Concession.**

Jay Stone with the Parks and Recreation Department stated that the Parks and Recreation Department staff recommendation is to move forward with Lone Star Riverboat Concession. Carol Kim made a motion to accept Parks and Recreation Department staff recommendation. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The motion passed in favor. (6-0-0). At this point, Mike

Pearce, owner of the Lone Star Riverboat, who had signed up for Citizen Communication, spoke to the Board and thanked them for their recommendation.

4. **Recommendation regarding approval of Construction of Texas Rowing Center boat dock.** Mary Ruth Holder stated that there is an existing facility and this request is to expand the boat dock; that both staff and the Navigation Committee recommend approval of this item, and made a motion that the Parks Board approve this item. Rocky Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor (6-0-0).
5. **Recommendation regarding approval of Construction of Rowing Club Rowing Dock.** Mary Ruth Holder made a motion based on staff recommendation the board grant approval for 120' foot wide boat dock; if they would like to come back to the Board in the future, it would be reviewed, along with the Land and Facility Code. Jeff Francell seconded. After discussion the motion passed in favor (6-0-0).
6. **Make Recommendation to City Council regarding amendment to Strategic Partnership Agreement with Tanglewood Forest Limited District.**  
Sarah Campbell, with the Planning and Design Division stated that this District is annexed with the City, but raise taxes on their own, therefore they have an agreement with the City of Austin and they are interested in amending their agreement. These changes include raising the cap on money spent towards the Parks system. They are asking for the Board's approval before going to City Council. Mary Ruth Holder made a motion that they approve this amendment to the Tanglewood Forest Limited District. Mike Librik seconded. After discussion, the motion passed in favor (6-0-0).
7. **Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Pedestrian Plan.**  
Board Member Mike Librik stated that there were three main things: crossing the streets, obstructions on private land and obstructions to the sidewalk on public land. After discussion, it was decided that this item would be postponed. It will be placed on the agenda again after the Land and Facilities Committee has reviewed and made a recommendation.
8. **Make Recommendation to City Council regarding a Water Quality and Detention Pond at Hanks Tract and Gardens of Bull Creek.**  
After discussion, Mary Ruth Holder made a motion that the Board approve the recommendation. Rocky Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor. (6-0-0).
9. **Make Recommendation to the Director regarding the naming of Dawson Park.**  
Rocky Medrano made a motion that the park be properly named Nichols Dawson Park, with a sign to be erected. Jeff Francell seconded. The motion passed in favor. (6-0-0).
10. **Make Recommendation to City Council regarding Temporary Access and Construction Easement on Parkland at Sendera South Subdivision.**  
Sarah Campbell with the Parks and Recreation Department spoke regarding this recommendation. Ms. Campbell stated that this subdivision that will have a detention pond and wants to have a filter drain that will go underground on parkland for about 100 feet. Jeff Francell made a motion that the Parks Board recommend to Council a Temporary Access and Construction Easement on Parkland at Sendera South Subdivision, exactly as written in the Director's letter. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The motion passed in favor. (6-0-0).
11. **Election of Officers.**  
It was decided to wait until all of the members are present. This item will be on the next agenda.

#### **E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jesus M. Olivares, Director of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, introduced Robert Holland with the Public Works Division. Mr. Holland gave an update on the progress of the Town Lake Park project. Right now, the first phase focus is on the landscaped area, which is a portion of the park that surrounds the Community Events Center parking garage. This will be the connection between the Events Center and Palmer Auditorium. There is anticipated to be another 6-7 million dollars available in developing the park. Also, some information was passed out regarding the Lake Travis Recreation Management Plan, a handout regarding the Totally Cool Totally Art program and, a MAP (music, art, performance) magazine from the Dougherty Arts Center as well as a Trail of Lights Guide.

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Programs Committee
- Land and Facilities Committee – There was discussion of Shoal Creek Trail, there is TEA-21 money available, however, there are problems with land ownership on the trail. Will work further on these issues.
- Navigation Committee
- Downtown Commission – Board Member Librik reported that there were three things the Commission focused on at the last meeting: housing, liaisons with the County and State and re-establishing the focus of the Downtown Commission.
- Republic Square Advisory Committee – Recommendations have been made, will send that information out to everyone.
- Municipal Airport Advisory Group

**G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were several issues discussed by Parks Board Members.

**H. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

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